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SUBJECT: KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE

1. IN MEETING WITH JAPANESE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER KASUGA, WE UNDERSTAND PRIMIN KIM ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY THAT IN SOME FASHION OR OTHER KIM TAE-CHUNG HAD SOME COMPLICITY IN HIS OWN KIDNAPPING.

2. PRIMIN KIM ALLEGEDLY INDICATED THAT ROK INVESTIGATION HAD DISCLOSED "DISCREPANCIES" IN KIM'S STORY POINTING TO HIS OWN INVOLVEMENT. AS CONSEQUENCE, JAPANESE NEWSMEN WHO AWARE KIM'S REPORTED REMARKS HAVE BEEN SPECULATING THAT GOVERNMENT MAY MOVE TO BRING KIM TO TRIAL ON SOME CRIMINAL CHARGE.

3. IN OUR MEETING TODAY (SEPTTEL), JAPANESE AMBASSADOR USHIROKU RAISED THESE REPORTS. I TOLD HIM WE HAD HEARD SAME RUMORS FROM JAPANESE SOURCES, BUT HAD NO DIRECT INFORMATION OURSELVES. I TOLD USHIROKU I THOUGHT THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO

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TRY KIM WOULD ONLY WORSEN OUTSIDE REACTION AND

I HAVE BEEN MAKING THAT POINT CLEAR TO  
GOVERNMENT LEADERS. USHIROKU SAID HE FELT THE  
SAME WAY AND HAD ALSO BEEN CAUTIONING ROKG ABOUT  
REPERCUSSIONS OF ANY SUCH MOVE.  
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